

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 11 are currently pending in the application.

This amendment is in response to the Final Office Action of November 12, 2004.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claim 1 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 9 and 10 of U.S. Patent 6,269,742.

Claims 1 through 11 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 9 through 19 of U.S. Patent 6,089,151. In order to avoid further expenses and time delay, Applicants elect to expedite the prosecution of the present application by filing terminal disclaimers to obviate the double patenting rejections in compliance with 37 CFR §1.321 (b) and (c). Applicants' filing of the terminal disclaimers should not be construed as acquiescence in the Examiner's double patenting or obviousness-type double patenting rejections. Attached are the terminal disclaimers. Fees were previously paid on August 20, 2004.

Applicants submit that claims 1 through 11 are clearly allowable.

Applicants request the allowance of claims 1 through 11 and the case passed for issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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